

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
***Office of the Superintendent***

**Friday Memo**  
**June 9, 2023**

**Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D**

June 9: Last Day of School

June 10: Greenwood Academy Graduation, 9am - Sylvester Greenwood Academy

June 10: Hercules High School Graduation, 10:30am - Hercules High School

June 10: Kennedy High School Graduation, 4pm - John F. Kennedy High School

June 12: CBOC Meeting, 6pm-8pm, FOC Building

**Next Board of Education Meeting June 14, 2023 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment STEM- LaResha Huffman (Gabriel Chilcott & Mark Lobaco)**

As the school year closes, we wanted to acknowledge the work that Elementary Math Coach Anne Brockoff and Secondary Math Coach Shauna Foster have provided for the WCCUSD community. Here are the voices of various teachers and administrators at the sites they support:

*Dear Anne, I appreciate you beyond words. You're a gem! -- Farnaz Heydari, Principal, Grant Elementary*

*Thank you, Ms. Foster, for helping me and giving me some technique and advice. You are really appreciated for all the presence you were in my class. Looking forward to more this coming school year! --Geraldine Sansan, Kennedy High School*

*Shauna: I so appreciate your visits in class and for collaboration. Thank you for teaching me how to do group work the right way! Also, thank you for showing me the Desmos curriculum, one word: BOOM! Thanks! --Melisha Matlock, El Cerrito High School*

*I appreciate Anne so much. She comes into my room and jumps in when needed. She has been very patient and understanding about our struggle this year with getting Zearn going and she makes herself available to help when we need it. We love you Anne! --Gloria, First Grade Teacher, King Elementary*

*I appreciate LaShauna for the constructive feedback she always gives every time she observes the lessons in my classes. --Sayuni Malle, Soskin Middle School*

*Shauna has been a POSITIVE influence in my life. The meaning of "coach" is what Shauna does. Encouraging and applauding plus giving helpful and kind tips. Thank you for cheering for my*

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*successes. Thank you for constantly supporting and helping with all that you do. --Grace Ollerenshaw, Montalvin School*

*I met Anne this year, and invited her to a walkthrough at Downer. She was an active listener and dove into the work of identifying our math trends at our site. I appreciated and valued her input. Looking forward to having her visit again! --Chelsea Smith, Instructional Specialist, Downer and Stege Elementary Schools*

*MS. SHAUNA IS THE BEST!!!! She is so helpful to our entire department, whenever we need ANYTHING she is there for us. She is a frequent presence on our site... She provides coaching, materials, words of guidance and encouragement, and is involved in our meetings and planning time. She makes so much of what we do better. Thank you Shauna! --Christina Meagher, Kennedy High School*



**TK-12 Schools - LaResha Huffman (Keisha Prier, Koy Hill & Summer Sigler)**

**Poets Cafe @ Ohlone Elementary**

Mr. Minoru's 3rd Grade Classroom at Ohlone Elementary School on Tuesday, June 6 at 1:30 in the MP Room.

This is to celebrate the release of our poetry anthology. Each student in Classroom 11 read 1 of their poems from our book. This was followed by an autograph session featuring the poets. All second graders and the parents of our 3rd grade class were invited to be a part of the community audience. These students have worked hard on their poems.



### Kennedy/King Graduation Walk 2023

The Kennedy/King Graduation Walk, in which some of the graduating class visited the King campus. Students at King LOVED seeing the "big" Eagles in their caps and gowns, with some running up and delivering handmade signs and cards. We announced on the loudspeaker the names and next plans of three of the Eagles in particular- Olinda Figueredo (King alum!), Ava Mixon and Angie Castillo (the latter two are both big sisters to King students).

The graduates then walked from preschool throughout campus, with each class cheering them on. They finished their time with our 6th graders, who were busily preparing for their promotion ceremony. The graduates introduced themselves to the 6th graders and shared their next steps and future plans. It was an especially sweet moment as Olinda and her 6th grade teacher, Ms. Alva, shared about her journey as she announced her plans to work with youth or in education after attending UC Berkeley. Afterwards, all of the graduates agreed that they felt like celebrities and that the experience was heartwarming and fun.

We look forward to continuing this tradition!



**Older Adult Measure X Grant \$10,000 (Robert McEntire & Paul Mansingh)**

Contra Costa County awarded \$10,000 of the Measure X grant to the WCCUSD Adult School for community outreach. The school earns \$25 per contact through its outreach initiatives to seniors who are 60 years or older by sharing the services available by the District and other providers in the county system. While the grant period does not start until July 1, 2023, Dr. Mansingh has developed a communications strategy and run four pilot events in which his team was able to provide this service to enough older adults to more than meet the maximum award amount. No doubt, Dr. Mansingh and the team will replicate this process after July 1st and continue to improve the lives of older adults in our community while generating Measure X dollars to help pay for the existing older adult program.